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MEMORANDUM FOR: P/D - John Mosher
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SUBJECT: AMP - BU Training Program Update

Upon the return of Professor Kelly from Peshawar and conversations with the remaining BU staff in Pakistan, Boston University has provided the following verbal update which will be rendered in greater detail at the March 20 meeting:

- o Overall, the training program has been very successful.
- o Positive results have been achieved with many students getting high marks and exceeding initial expectations. On the video side, six out of the twelve trainees were rated excellent by the instructor, four were rated satisfactory and two were rated as unsatisfactory.
- o The resistance parties in Peshawar are "clamoring" to secure trainee slots in the next training session.
- o Spin-off benefits from the training program include BU trainees conducting their own basic program for about 50 other Mujahadin who were not included in the first training phase and who will be going into Afghanistan. Some trainees are now working with European TV producers in Pakistan as cameramen or assistants.
- o Trainee recruitment is underway for the second phase of the program which will commence in April.
- o Supply problems have been encountered in being able to locate raw video tape (virtually unavailable in Pakistan to the consumer market) and batteries (extreme shortages occur and constant recharging is required limiting useful life).

DPAO Bruce Kreutzer also reports that the training program is going very well with no significant problems extant. In addition, the second training phase is underway. Further, GOP officials involved in Afghan affairs, including the Afghan

Media Project (directorship and media service issues), will be back from Geneva on March 14. The Post will continue to press the GOP for a positive resolution of the media service and directorship questions. Mr. Kreutzer confirmed the Post's previous report that the Afghan resistance parties in Peshawar are holding up progress on the media project as originally conceived (failure to agree on a director) rather than the GOP.

Boston University project representatives will be at the Agency on Friday, March 20, to give a final report on the training program and speak to BU's plans for a continuation of the training program and an alternative solution to setting up a new media service (with an Afghan director) in order to implement the project. Topics to be covered will include production and distribution to meet the goals and objectives established by the Congress under PL 99-88.

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